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Amendments to the Claims:

Rewrite claims 16 and 17 as follows:

1-15. (canceled).

16. (currently amended) A support structure for bicycle bottles, comprising a unitary supporting three dimensional cage frame, anchoring means for attachment thereof to a bicycle frame, said supporting frame comprising a rear anchoring post ~~with an upper end from which, said rear anchoring post having an upper end and a lower end, said rear anchoring post extending exclusively and continuously between said upper end thereof and said lower end thereof in a direction which is parallel to a longitudinal axis of said supporting frame extending upwardly and downwardly, said supporting frame further comprising two substantially symmetrical and diverging arms which each extend from said upper end of said rear anchoring post~~ so as to embrace the lateral wall of a bottle, ~~the lower ends of said arms having lower ends~~ converging and being reciprocally joined so as to form a lower appendix directed towards said post and adapted to support the bottom wall of the bottle, said arms and said post being located along a substantially cylindrical surface having an inner diameter that is slightly larger than the diameter of the bottle to be supported, said arms each comprising a first portion directed extending upwardly and forwardly from said upper end of said rear anchoring post, said first portion having a first end which is monolithically formed with said upper end of said rear anchoring post, and said first portion having a second end, said first portion extending exclusively and continuously from said first end thereof to said second end thereof, said first portion extending upwardly and forwardly from said first end thereof to said second end thereof, and said arms each comprising a second portion directed extending downwardly and forwardly from said first portion, said second portion having an upper end which is

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monolithically formed with said second end of said first portion, and said second portion having said lower end of said arms, said second portion extending exclusively and continuously from said upper end thereof to said lower end thereof, said second portion extending downwardly and forwardly from said upper end thereof to said lower end thereof at which said lower apex is monolithically formed which portions are continuously connected and bent along a curved path with no sharp bends except at said lower appendix.

17. (currently amended) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein A support structure for bicycle bottles, comprising a unitary supporting three dimensional cage frame, anchoring means for attachment thereof to a bicycle frame, said supporting frame comprising a rear anchoring post with an upper end from which two substantially symmetrical and diverging arms extend so as to embrace the lateral wall of a bottle, the lower ends of said arms converging and being reciprocally joined so as to form a lower appendix directed towards said post and adapted to support the bottom wall of the bottle, said arms and said post being located along a substantially cylindrical surface having an inner diameter that is slightly larger than the diameter of the bottle to be supported, said arms comprising a first portion directed upwardly and forwardly from said upper end of said rear anchoring post, and a second portion directed downwardly and forwardly from said first portion, said lower converging ends have having inside edges and a span between the inside edges of said lower converging ends, said span having, at a distance from said appendix that is substantially equal to said inner diameter, a maximum value which is smaller than or equal to one half of said inner diameter.

18. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein said inner diameter has a predetermined size ranging between 40

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mm and 50 mm and preferably equal to approximately 45 mm so as to be smaller than those of traditional bicycle support structures and to reduce the transversal encumbrance of the supporting frame.

19. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein said arms and said post are unitarily formed and in that they have a substantially plate configuration with plane cross-section so as to define a monolithic supporting frame.

20. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein said supporting frame is formed starting from a metal plate or from a plastic sheet.

21. (previously presented) Support for bottle according to claim 16, wherein said supporting frame is provided with one or more lightening holes peripherally located along said arms.

22. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein said supporting frame is provided with means for gripping the bottle located along said arms.

23. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 22, wherein said gripping means comprise at least a resilient pad.

24. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 23, wherein said gripping means comprise at least one of a plate and a shell made of a relatively rigid material that houses internally thereof a pad made of a resiliently flexible material.

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25. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 23, wherein said resiliently flexible pad comprises a rigid spherical member held in place by a boss made of a resiliently flexible material.

26. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 23, wherein said resiliently flexible material is chosen in the group comprising gels, rubbers or plastic materials.

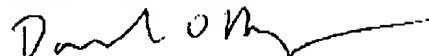
27. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 22, wherein said gripping means comprises at least a pad of rubber or plastic material located along said post.

28. (canceled).

29. (previously presented) Support structure according to claim 26, wherein said gripping means further comprises at least one rubber or plastics lips fitted onto the upper edges of said arms to further hold the bottle upon location thereof into said supporting frame.

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